

Torrance, California  
January 18, 1955

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, January 18, 1955, at 5:30 P.M., Mayor Drale presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Isen, Schwab and Drale. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

At the request of Mayor Drale, Mr. Mark Wright led the salute to our Flag.

Rev. Taylor opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Blount moved the minutes of January 11, 1955, be approved as written. Councilman Schwab seconded the motion with the suggestion page 2 be corrected to read "Mayor Drale". Motion carried unanimously.

MEETINGS:

Mayor Drale announced this was the time and place for the meeting with representatives of Great Lakes Carbon Company and the Capitol Company regarding annexation of Rolling Hills territory to the City of Torrance.

At the request of Mayor Drale the meeting was turned over to City Manager Stevens.

City Manager Stevens reported that the purpose of this meeting is to get facts, the area has now been defined but the Council and the citizens of Torrance are interested in the facts to try and learn how the area will be developed, the time schedule, if possible, and from that an estimate of revenues to be derived from the area as it is developed and to see if it would support the costs that will have to be taken over by the City to serve the district. Mr. Stevens said these gentlemen have been working day and night and he suggested that they proceed with the meeting by having their spokesman lead off in any manner they see fit.

Mr. Iver Hanson, Vice President and Treasurer of the Rancho Palos Verdes Corporation and General Manager of Palos Verdes Properties, headquarters in the Administration Building, Rolling Hills, California, presented a brochure to the members of the City Council and explained in detail each of the following parts:

PART I: Introduction - "Greater Torrance Because of Palos Verdes".

PART II: Summary of Statistical Tables. (Land Use - Tax Revenues and Expenses.

PART III: EXHIBITS:

- Table 1 - Summary of Sections 1, 2 and 3 (6,513 Acres).
- Table 2 - First Section (2,300 Acres).
- Table 3 - Second Section (2,396 Acres).
- Table 4 - Third Section (1,817 Acres).
- Table 5 - Basic Sources of Revenues and Expenses for Construction and Operation of Schools.
- Table 6 - Estimated Major Sources of Revenues and Expenses for Other City Services.

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Chart 1 - Requirements and Costs for School Construction Program.  
Map - Showing Areas Proposed for Annexation and the Proposed  
Land Use Pattern.

Mr. Hanson also explained in detail, by use of various maps, the land uses they expect to have in the area to be annexed.

Councilman Isen inquired if it had been determined whether or not the annexed area would be obligated for the existing bond issues for the schools.

Mr. Hanson said it was his understanding that in an annexation they would pick up the bonding obligations that are existing in the City.

Councilman Isen said City Attorney Hall had indicated a written consent of the owners would be required and asked Mr. Hanson if they would assume that.

Mr. Hanson said he would assume that they would but he would like to check that point with his principals; however, he was sure there would be no problem in that regard.

Councilman Blount inquired if, in coming into the City, they would assume their just proportion of the previously passed bond issues, specifically for the City's school district.

Mr. Hanson stated he had done most of the research himself and the discussions he had with school authorities led him to believe it would be automatic; however, he would want their counsel to study it further.

Mr. David P. Evans, counsel for the Palos Verdes Corporation, stated that as far as the school district obligations went he was not prepared to comment on it. As far as the obligations of a municipality went, the owners of the land may consent that that land be subjected to all of those municipal obligations, and if they do, the land is so subjected.

City Attorney Hall concurred with Mr. Evans, the municipal obligations can be done by agreement but the school indebtedness is an open question.

Councilman Isen said he thought the Council should be supplied with a formal opinion because upon that one question a lot hinges, and also, since lawyers disagree, they should have something very, very definite, maybe some sort of court action.

Councilman Isen also inquired about the obligations of the Water District.

Mr. Hanson asked Mr. Marlette to answer this question. Mr. Marlette said if they were speaking of the City's water indebtedness he was not prepared to answer.

City Attorney Hall advised this was a municipal obligation and he believed it would be covered.

Mr. J. R. Newville of Engineering Service Corporation gave a breakdown of lot sizes for the first two units; the minimum lot size would be 7,000 square feet, none over 15,000 square feet; and the average lot size would be between 8,000 and 9,000 square feet.

The Council requested that copies of the brochure be presented to Dr. Hull and members of the School Board.

Mayor Drale thanked them for the splendid presentation of all the facts compiled and advised them they will have further opportunities to be heard by both the Planning Commission and the City Council.

City Manager Stevens reported that this tremendous proposal will require a lot of study as no one person could possibly absorb all of this in a short time and that he would arrange with the Council for any future meetings that might be required.

Mr. Hanson thanked the City Council for the opportunity of presenting all the facts to the Council and assured them they would be available for any future meetings the Council might desire.

At 6:25 P.M., Mayor Drale declared a recess. The meeting reconvened at 6:35 P.M.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Claim for property damage against the City of Torrance filed on behalf of Pauline M. Corbin.

Councilman Benstead moved the claim be denied and turned over to the Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request of the congregation of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Torrance, requesting immediate steps be taken to slow down traffic on Palos Verdes Drive, between Calle Miramar and Monte D'Oro Streets.

Councilman Schwab moved the communication be referred to the Traffic Commission for recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Communication from A. E. McVicar, Superintendent, Torrance Municipal Water District, advising that in order that the new line to serve the Carbide & Carbon Chemicals Company plant may be installed before or by the time that the paving is done on Hawthorne Avenue it will be necessary to contract for the purchase of the materials immediately, and requesting authority to advertise for bids. Mr. McVicar stated that bids for the laying of the line can be called for at a later date.

Councilman Blount moved Mr. McVicar be authorized to advertise for bids as specified. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from the Southern California Edison Company regarding the possible exchange of property for easements across their rights of way within the City.

City Manager Stevens reported he had been unable to arrange a meeting with Mr. Jenkins but that he should have a recommendation for the Council by the next meeting.

Councilman Blount moved this communication be held until City Manager Stevens has his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from the Hollywood-Riviera Homeowners Association advising that the Association's resolution in favor of maintaining the barricades between Hollywood Riviera and Palos Verdes does represent the majority opinion in Hollywood Riviera.

Councilman Blount moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Request of the Crenshaw P. T. A. that a traffic signal be installed at 187th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard, due to the increased hazard created with the additional enrollment in the school.

City Manager Stevens advised he had forwarded this letter and the petitions to the School Board at the instruction of the Council, they indicated they will not share in the cost so it falls back on the City. Mr. Stevens said that no letter from the School Board accompanied the petitions, they were brought in and left on his desk.

Councilman Blount moved the proper steps be taken to install a traffic signal at 187th and Crenshaw. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from Mrs. Charles D. Peebles, 4938 Pacific Coast Highway, protesting embankment adjacent to the homes in Ellinwood Tract, which has been caused by the contractors building the new elementary school behind their homes.

Mayor Drale requested City Engineer Bishop to give his report on this problem.

Mr. Bishop said there definitely was a problem there and he had a recommendation. He stated this rush of water was caused by a breakthrough during construction and that these people have a very just complaint against the school contractor, or the school excavator, who is bonded and insured by the school.

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Mr. Bishop said there will be a small water problem and he felt he should recommend some relief. Mr. Ingram of the School Board had told him they recognize the same continuing problem. Mr. Bishop said Mr. Ingram had done this very reluctantly as they do not want to realize it but Mr. Ingram thought the school might pave 200 feet of ditch along the bottom of the slope, but would not do anything off their property. Mr. Bishop recommended an 8" concrete pipe with an arch section under the sidewalk and a box on the grading on the top to deliver this water to the street. He stated that the gentleman at the bottom is very anxious to dedicate a 4' or 5' easement and Mr. Bishop thought the subdivider should be required to put it in.

A lengthy discussion of this problem followed and Mr. Worley requested the City Engineer to give him a report in writing so he could present this to the School Board.

Mr. John Bill, owner of the property at the extreme low level, agreed with Mr. Worley that there was never any drainage problem before they started building the school. Mr. Bill stated he would give permission in writing to put a pipe beneath their property for drainage. He presented pictures to the Council of his back yard and the ditch behind it which he had taken last week after the rain.

City Attorney Hall advised this was not a City responsibility and that they should make their demands on the contractor and the School Board.

Mr. Worley said he would like a recommendation from the City Engineer to take to the School Board. The Council indicated the City Engineer should not give a report until after they had met with the School Board.

Councilman Isen moved that in the event Mr. Worley requests such a letter or recommendation from the City Engineer, after meeting with the School Board, that the City Engineer be authorized to give his recommendation.

Councilman Schwab indicated he would rather wait until after the meeting with the School Board before the Council goes on record.

Councilman Isen withdrew his motion.

Councilman Blount said the ones who caused the wrong should right it and it is the people who are building the school. He said the City Council is willing to cooperate but they should not accept the responsibility.

Mayor Drale advised this is all the Council can do, if the School Board requests a recommendation it will be made available to them.

Communication from the City Clerk of Hermosa Beach enclosing certified copy of Resolution No. N.S.1791, adopted by the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach, endorsing the establishment of a Young Men's Christian Association in the South Bay area.

Matter of record.

Communication from Mrs. Selmer Langund, 2040 237th Street, protesting the annexation of any area at this time.

Councilman Benstead moved it be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Letter of thanks from the Nativity School Mothers Club for the use of the Civic Auditorium for their Christmas party.

Councilman Schwab moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Request of the Girls Athletic Association for free use of the Civic Auditorium for their installation banquet on January 26, 1955, and advising they will take care of the janitorial service.

Clerk Bartlett advised this has been cleared with the Recreation Department.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.



Mayor Drale said he thought this janitorial fee should be straightened out. They are not to pay any money to individuals that work for the City, all the money should be paid to the City and those that are employed by the City should be paid by the City.

City Manager Stevens said he believed this was covered in the procedures which had been referred to Mr. Hall and himself and that they would try and have a recommendation on this soon.

Communication from Sgt. G. S. Evans regarding the maintenance and control of the parking meters and requesting that when he retires he be considered for this position.

Councilman Isen moved the communication be referred to City Manager Stevens for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Mayor Drale suggested some sort of policy be adopted regarding the reading of communications, he thought the public was entitled to hear these communications read. Councilman Isen said the Council should receive a copy of all communications addressed to the City Council regarding City matters, and suggested the City Clerk brief the long communications so the public would know what is going on.

Mayor Drale said he would like some recommendations and requested this be discussed at the agenda meeting prior to the next meeting. He stated that as Chairman he felt all communications should be read.

Communication from the El Rancho Palos Verdes Corporation requesting the starting date of their lease for airport property be changed from November 1st to December 1st.

Councilman Isen moved this be referred to the City Manager for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Petition of homeowners residing on Andreo Avenue requesting the City to remove all the pepper trees on Andreo Avenue, between 220th and 222nd Streets, at no cost to the homeowners; that the City plant new trees before the late Spring of 1955; and agreeing to bear the cost of one tree per lot, not to exceed \$3.00 per lot.

City Manager Stevens said he would recommend this be done, that the City remove the tree and the property owner pay for the replanting of the tree.

Councilman Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Request of Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, to make a field survey and soil investigation on the easterly portion of the Torrance Municipal Airport.

City Manager Stevens stated a meeting had been arranged to discuss this matter.

Councilman Blount moved the communication be referred to City Manager Stevens and that he report to the Council after the meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee requesting that more information be made available to all groups before any decision is reached by the City Council regarding the annexation of 6,800 acres.

Councilman Schwab moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

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17. Two communications from the County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission transmitting prints showing the proposed Amendment Nos. 283 and 286 to the Master Plan of Highways for the Council's approval.

Mayor Drale moved these be referred to City Manager Stevens for his recommendation at the agenda meeting to be held prior to the next meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

18. Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Howard S. Martin, for assessment report on Civic Center site, the sum of \$600.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, item one, under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. To Oswald Brothers Company, for the improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard south of Dalemead Street, the sum of \$12,371.50. (From County Aid and Special funds).

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, item two, under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

CONTRACT FOR THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE AND NON-COMBUSTIBLE REFUSE:

City Manager Stevens recommended that effective January 1, 1955, the fee to be paid for the collection of garbage and non-combustible refuse be at the rate of \$4,665.16 per month, as outlined in his letter to the Council dated January 17, 1955, and in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from City Engineer Bishop recommending that certain bonds be released and advising that improvements have been accepted by the Engineering Department.

Councilman Schwab said the only thing he was concerned about is that he would like the City Engineer to assure the Council these are all all right. City Engineer said these were his recommendations.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendations of City Engineer Bishop in releasing bonds as outlined in the Engineer's letter to the Council dated January 14, 1955. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 20623, consisting of 48 lots to be developed by the Stanford Construction Company, westerly of Crenshaw Boulevard, southerly of Southern California Edison Company Right-of-Way, northerly of Tract No. 19626; accompanied by the following letter addressed to the Planning Commission, dated January 5, 1955, from City Engineer Bishop and Asst. to City Engineer Patrick:

"I am submitting herewith Final Tract Map No. 20623 which was tentatively approved by your Honorable Body on October 6, 1954, under Tract No. 20263, located westerly of Crenshaw Boulevard, southerly of Southern California Edison Company right-of-way, and northerly of Tract 19626, submitted by Stanford Construction Company containing 48 lots.

"This map was tentatively approved by the City Council on October 13, 1954, with the stipulation that 178th Street right-of-way be obtained across the Edison property to Glenburn Avenue, for which the subdivider had agreed to pay the cost. The subdivider has placed with the City of Torrance a check in the amount of \$400 to cover this acquisition.

"This office would like to recommend approval from an engineering standpoint. It should be noted that the tract number has been changed from 20263 to 20623."

Mayor Drale stated this map was held over because of a condition that existed on the acquisition of a portion of property owned by the Edison Company and because of the \$400 fee given to the City for the acquisition of the property.

Mr. Edward Rosendahl, attorney representing the subdivider, said the important point to consider is that this property the Council is talking about is not within the boundary lines of this subdivision. He referred to Council minutes of October 13th at which time a recommendation was made that the Council either acquire the property adjacent to this subdivision, by way of condemnation, or by the way of negotiation with the utility involved. At that time Mr. Bishop made his recommendation that the subdivider deposit \$400 for the purposes outlined.

Mr. Rosendahl pointed out that the Subdivision Map Act delegates to municipal bodies certain rights and certain duties in connection with subdivision and tract maps and that the City has no authority whatsoever to require the subdivider to purchase property adjacent to the subdivision that he proposes to subdivide. After the tentative map has been approved by both the Planning Commission and the Council and the final map has been approved by the Planning Commission the Council then raises the question if \$400 is enough. Mr. Rosendahl stated that since the map that was filed on final approval is exactly the same map that was filed for tentative and complies with all local ordinances and regulations they felt they were entitled to final approval at this time. He stated they had paid the fair market value for this piece of property, as determined by the City Engineer.

Councilman Isen said that when the Council passed the tentative map there were a lot of conditions to be met. Councilman Blount read from the October 13th minutes in which the subdivider agreed to all of the conditions.

Mr. Tony Parravano, President of the Stanford Construction Company, stated that at the October 13th meeting the stipulation was made that if, and when, the City did obtain said piece of property, approximately 16' x 150', that at that time he agreed to pay a reasonable value. Mr. Parravano stated that the City Engineer had set the value at \$400.

Councilman Isen said he had asked for the fair market value.

Mr. Parravano said the City Engineer had estimated \$400 but that he was willing to pay the fair market value, it couldn't be much more than \$100 or \$200 more for a piece of property this size.

Mayor Drale inquired what would happen if the Edison Company would not sell. Councilman Isen inquired if the City could condemn in that event.

City Attorney Hall said there is the right of public user when you have a utility it depends upon a superior right.

Mr. Rosendahl said if the Edison Company had a definite need for this the City could not condemn the property, it could be held up by the Utility Commission for years. He stated they wanted to do what is fair and they felt that some reasonable basis should be established so that neither the subdivider nor the City would be left "holding the bag".

Councilman Isen said he did not think the final map should be approved until all the conditions were met and that he would not have voted for the tentative map to be approved if these conditions were not going to be met.

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Mayor Drale stated there were other conditions which the subdivider agreed to and he thought the Council could delay this final map for two weeks for further study and he so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 20562, consisting of 9 lots to be developed by the Landbar Construction Company, southerly of Tract 20561 and westerly of Arlington Avenue. The transmittal form was accompanied by the following letter signed by Richard Barclay:

"We, as subdividers of Tract No. 20562, hereby agree to construct a five (5) foot redwood fence along the southerly line of said tract."

Councilman Benstead inquired what type of redwood fence it would be. Mr. Richard Barclay stated it would be a solid panel 3/4" redwood fence along the southerly line of this tract.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving Final Tract Map No. 20562, subject to the condition that a 3/4" redwood panel fence be constructed along the southerly line of this tract. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommending approval of CASE NO. 327, application of J. B. Brooks for a Variance to construct a multiple family dwelling in Land Use Zone A-1.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving CASE NO. 327. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommending approval of CASE NO. 334, application for Change of Zone initiated by the Planning Commission, Tract Nos. 18957, 20010, 20011, 19736, 15915, 20165; Tract No. 18021, Lots 5 through 46, from A-1 to R-1.

Mayor Drale set February 8, 1955, at 8:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers, as the time and place for the third and final hearing on CASE NO. 334.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2675

#### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2660.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2675. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2676

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A CERTAIN PORTION OF LOT C, TRACT 1427, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.



Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2676. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 726

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING  
THE NATIONAL SUPPLY COMPANY, A PENNSYLVANIA  
CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE  
RAILROAD TRACKS ACROSS CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 726. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 726 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 728

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 720.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 728 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 729

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612,  
RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED  
IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 336.

Councilman Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Isen moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 729 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens reported he had received a copy of a motion by Supervisor Burton W. Chace at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on January 11th, wherein he is requesting that legislation be introduced immediately regarding the distribution of the Tidelands oil funds, stating how they would be divided, and included in the program is \$1,050,000 for the City of Torrance, and he requests that the beach cities write resolutions to the Legislature.

Councilman Isen moved the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the proper resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

City Manager Stevens requested he be authorized to have several thousand cards printed for distribution in relation to the collection of garbage and refuse, in order to straighten out a rather bad situation that now exists. Mr. Stevens said he thought the cost would be minor.

Councilman Isen moved to concur with the recommendation and request of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Councilman Blount inquired about the Moneta Water Company. City Attorney Hall said he had not had time to work on this.

Councilman Isen inquired if there was an ordinance at the present time that would make it a misdemeanor to put slugs and miscellaneous items in the parking meters. Councilman Blount stated he was sure it was incorporated in the parking meter ordinance.

Councilman Isen inquired if there was any specific ordinance, other than the sections on malicious mischief, that would help protect the parking meters and standards from being kicked over, broken, etc.

City Attorney Hall advised there is no ordinance that specifically says, in effect, that to maliciously destroy a meter machine you are subjected to penalty.

Councilman Isen said he thought the City should have such an ordinance and make it apply to standards as well as the meters.

Councilman Isen moved City Manager Stevens be authorized to send letters of thanks to the State Division of Housing authorities, under the direction of the City Council, thanking them for their assistance in the Patronella Avenue matter. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Mayor Drale announced there were three appointments to be made to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Drale called for roll call vote on Councilman Schwab's appointee--Mr. John Mulvihill. The Council concurred unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Drale called for roll call vote on Councilman Benstead's appointee--Mr. Beasley. Mr. Beasley is being re-appointed to the Planning Commission. The Council concurred unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Drale called for roll call vote on Councilman Isen's appointee, Mr. Bert Lynn. Mr. Lynn is being re-appointed to the Planning Commission. The Council concurred unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Drale stated there is a vacancy on the Civil Service Board due to the expired term of Mr. Schultz, and he placed the name of Mr. Ross Sciarotta to serve a term on the Civil Service Board. The Council concurred unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Schoonover reported there were still three homes in Tract No. 18416 that had not been fixed as promised by the subdivider, namely, 2742 Dalemead, 2726 Dalemead and 2718 Dalemead.

Mayor Drale requested City Engineer Bishop to have a report on these three houses for the next Council meeting.

Mayor Drale introduced the new member of the Planning Commission, Mr. John Mulvihill.

Mayor Drale requested City Attorney Hall to send a letter of thanks for their services to the City to Mr. Black and Mr. Schultz.

Councilman Isen said it had been called to his attention that Mr. Black had done a wonderful job. It had also been called to his attention that it would be a good idea to give each member of a commission, and the City Council, a parchment or something along that line, as recognition for their services to the City when their term expired. He stated he had given Mr. Stevens a clipping from the Coronado paper in which it stated that City had adopted such a practice. Councilman Isen suggested Mr. Black and Mr. Schultz be the first to receive this recognition.

Mayor Drale requested City Manager Stevens to give his recommendation on this matter, at his convenience.

Councilman Blount moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 8:25 P.M., Councilman Blount moved to adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously.

  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance